

Express Mail Label No.: 31272211US
Date of Deposit: March 24, 2003



PATENT APPLICATION
Attorney Docket No. 00689-513

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANTS: Whitty *et al.* #14
SERIAL NUMBER: 09/832,659 M.Q.J.
FILING DATE: April 11, 2001 4/2/03
FOR: INTERFERON-BETA-1a - IMMUNOGLOBULIN FUSION PROTEINS

AND USES (as amended herein)

RECEIVED

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

APR 01 2003

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), Applicants hereby petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the December 3, 2002 Office Action in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before April 3, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(1), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 00689-513. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

March 24, 2003

Ivor R. Elrifi
Ivor R. Elrifi, Reg. No. 39,529
Naomi Biswas, Reg. No. 38,384
MINTZ, LEVIN, COHN, FERRIS,
GLOVSKY and POPEO, P.C.
One Financial Center
Boston, Massachusetts 02111
Tel: (617) 542-6000
Fax: (617) 542-2241

TRA 1776798v1

03/28/2003 ZJUHAR1 00000118 09832659

01 SC:1251

110.00 0P